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**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**

Passed Assistant Surgeon Heiser, chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands, reports May 6, 13, and 20, and June 4:

**Status of Cholera in the Islands.**

During the week ended May 7 there was a slight increase in cholera in the Provinces. Cases and deaths occurred simultaneously in widely separated places in the provinces of Pangasinan, Pampanga, Batangas, and Union. Immediate steps were taken by the central office of the bureau of health, and a force of trained sanitary officials was sent to the infected centers to assist the local health authorities in coping with the outbreak, as well as to prevent further spread of the disease.

During the week ended May 21 there were reported from the provinces 99 cases, with 94 deaths, as against 110 cases and 79 deaths for the preceding week. The disease, while occurring in widely separated localities, shows but little tendency to spread, and the measures instituted for the eradication and control of the outbreak are proving very effective. This season of the year, when so many religious festivals occur to which thousands of people wend their way by all methods of transportation, and from great distances, is especially favorable for the rapid spread of a disease like cholera, and no doubt that fact may account for the widespread character of the present recurrence of the disease in the provinces mentioned. The outbreak has been particularly severe along the line of the railroad and the nearby villages.

During the latter part of April, cholera made its appearance in the Province of Pangasinan, and the reports received indicated that the islands were threatened with a severe outbreak of cholera similar to that which occurred two years ago. Instead of permitting the local officials to combat it alone, the insular bureau of health at once took charge of the outbreak. Over 300 cases have occurred to date, but the number of cases is gradually becoming less, and so far the infection has not secured a foothold in the adjoining provinces.

In the former outbreak over a thousand cases occurred during a similar period.

It is most satisfactory to report that the municipalities in which the severest outbreaks occurred in former years were almost entirely free from cholera during the present outbreak. This is attributable to the fact that artesian well water has since become available,

Practically all the cholera at present in the Philippine Islands is occurring in the interior, and at present there is practically little or no danger of its being spread by the shipping.

**Cholera in Manila.**

During the weeks ended April 30 and May 7, 14, and 21, no quarantinable diseases were reported in the city of Manila. During the week ended May 28, 1 case of cholera with 1 death was reported.

**Cholera in the Provinces.**

WEEK ENDED APRIL 30.

Provinces.	Cases.	Deaths.
Pampanga.....	3	4
Pangasinan.....	19	16
Total.....	22	20

WEEK ENDED MAY 7.

Batangas.....	1	1
Bulacan.....	5	1
Pampanga.....	12	12
Pangasinan.....	57	43
Union.....	1	1
Total.....	76	57

WEEK ENDED MAY 14.

Bulacan.....	9	6
Pampanga.....	16	14
Pangasinan.....	84	58
Tarlac.....	1	1
Total.....	110	79

WEEK ENDED MAY 21.

Bulacan.....	8	6
Pampanga.....	18	31
Pangasinan.....	73	57
Total.....	99	94

WEEK ENDED MAY 28.

Bulacan.....	14	11
Pampanga.....	14	9
Pangasinan.....	100	61
Union.....	1	.....
Total.....	129	81

**Inspection of Vessels.**

Week ended April 30. April 25 the Norwegian steamship *Henrik Ibsen*, with 38 in crew, granted a bill of health for Portland via Moji and other Japan ports. Cargo inspected prior to loading and manifests signed. Entire personnel inspected at hour of sailing. April 27 the British steamship *River Clyde*, with 34 in crew, granted a bill of health for Seattle via Hongkong, and China and Japan ports. Cargo inspected and manifests viséed. Personnel inspected at hour of departure.

Week ended May 7. May 4 the British steamship *Harlow*, with 28 in crew, en route from Iloilo to New York, granted a supplemental bill of health. Manifests for cargo loaded at this port viséed. Entire personnel inspected and passed at hour of sailing. May 4 the British

steamship *Inveresk*, with 62 in crew, granted a bill of health for Boston and New York via Cebu. Holds and forecastles fumigated for 12 hours while in this port. May 6 the American steamship *Minnesota*, with 279 in crew, and 170 cabin and 107 steerage passengers, en route from Hongkong to Seattle, granted a supplemental bill of health. Personnel inspected prior to sailing. Steerage passengers' effects disinfected. May 6 the British steamship *Frankby*, with 38 in crew, en route from Newcastle to New York via Cebu, granted a supplemental bill of health. No cargo was loaded at this port.

Week ended May 14. May 11 the American steamship *Siberia*, with 281 in crew, and 108 cabin and 212 steerage passengers, granted a bill of health for San Francisco via Hongkong and Japan ports. Manifests for cargo loaded at this port viséed. May 11 the British steamship *Oanfa*, with 86 in crew, en route from London to Seattle and Tacoma, granted a supplemental bill of health. Manifests for cargo loaded at this port viséed. Entire personnel inspected and passed at hour of sailing.

Week ended May 21. May 16 the British steamship *Euston*, with 29 in crew, en route from Hongkong to Boston via Cebu, granted a supplemental bill of health. Holds and forecastles fumigated while in this port. Manifests signed. Personnel inspected before sailing.

Week ended May 28. May 23 the British steamship *Sungkiang*, with 63 in crew and 38 cabin and 60 steerage passengers, en route from Hongkong to Cebu and Iloilo, granted a supplemental bill of health. May 24 the British steamship *Schuykill*, with 51 in crew, en route from Shanghai to New York via Singapore, granted a supplemental bill of health. Crew bathed and their effects disinfected upon arrival at this port. May 25 the British steamship *Oceano*, with 74 in crew and 12 passengers, granted a bill of health for Seattle via Hongkong, Shanghai, and Japan ports. Manifests for cargo loaded at this port viséed. Entire personnel inspected and passed at hour of sailing.

#### RUSSIA.

##### Status of Cholera.

Chargé d'Affaires Wheeler at St. Petersburg reports, June 15, 24, and 27, through the Department of State:

From May 29 to June 4 there were 284 cases of cholera and 121 deaths reported in Russia, distributed according to locality as follows:

Government.	Cases.	Deaths.
Mohilev .....	3	2
Kief.....	27	5
Ekaterinoslav.....	165	84
Kharkov.....	3	3
Poltava.....	9	3
Taurida.....	15	6
Territory of the Don.....	28	9
Baku.....	4	3
Kherson.....	23	2
Tchernigoff.....	6	3
Minsk.....	1	.....
City of Odessa.....	.....	1